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Granny Blake is reluctantly drafted in to Heaven's Army with the rest of the saved. Spawn fights the Disciples in Eden with the help of Cyan, only to have his power return and the power readings dropping like a stone. Following Cyan's advice, in the end, Spawn gives up his life.



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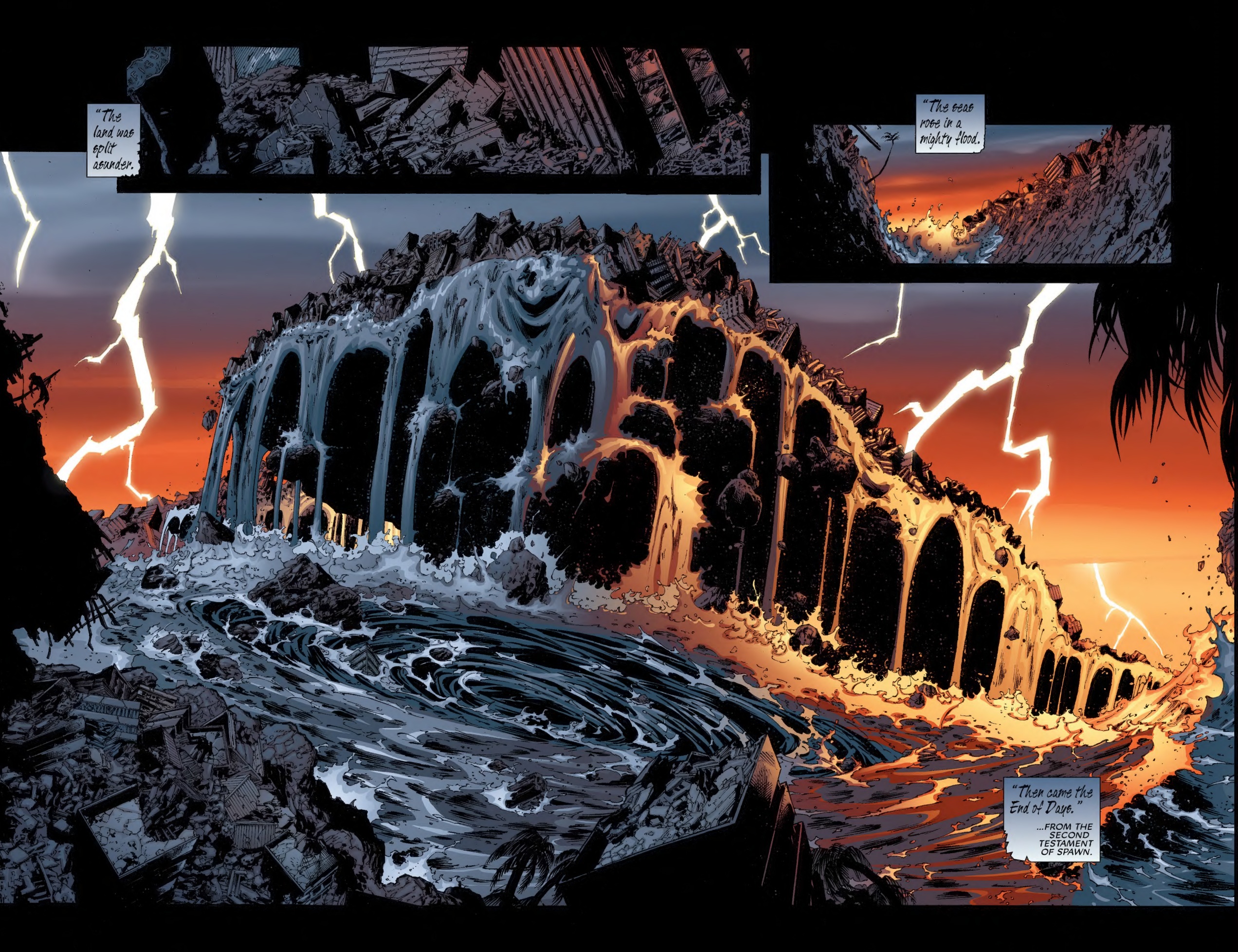
"In those days, it is said that the greatest center of truth, knowledge and enlightenment, the heart of civilization, was in a place known as the City of Angels.



"It was here that Armageddon was unleashed. The skies grew dark and the earth shook ...



"... and the great city was no more."



*"The
land was
split
asunder."*

*"The seas
rose in a
mighty flood."*

*"Then came the
End of Days."*

...FROM THE
SECOND
TESTAMENT
OF SPAWN.

BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA.

"WHAT THE HELL
ARE THOSE THINGS?
I SWEAR THEY CAN
SMELL US."

SNRRFF



IF THE LOCKS
HOLD, MAYBE
THEY'LL JUST TURN
AROUND AND
LEAVE.



DID
YOU HEAR
THAT?



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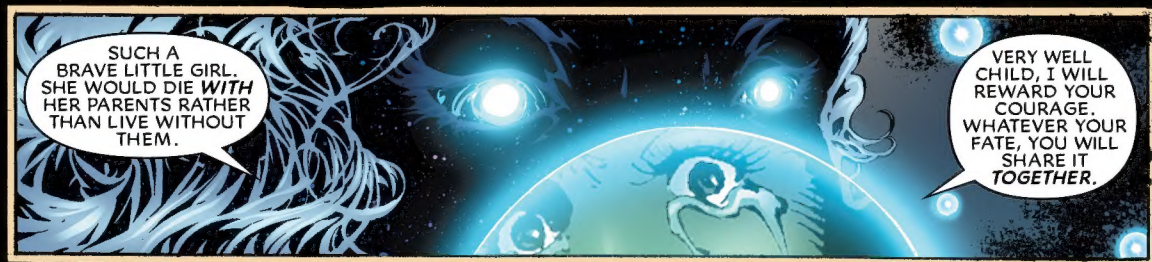


IT'S OKAY HONEY. *WHAT-EVER* THIS STUFF IS, I THINK IT'S GOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE.



I DON'T WANT TO BE IN *HERE*. I DON'T CARE ABOUT BEING SAFE.

I WANT TO BE WITH YOU AND DADDY.



SUCH A BRAVE LITTLE GIRL. SHE WOULD DIE *WITH* HER PARENTS RATHER THAN LIVE WITHOUT THEM.

VERY WELL CHILD, I WILL REWARD YOUR COURAGE. WHATEVER YOUR FATE, YOU WILL SHARE IT *TOGETHER*.



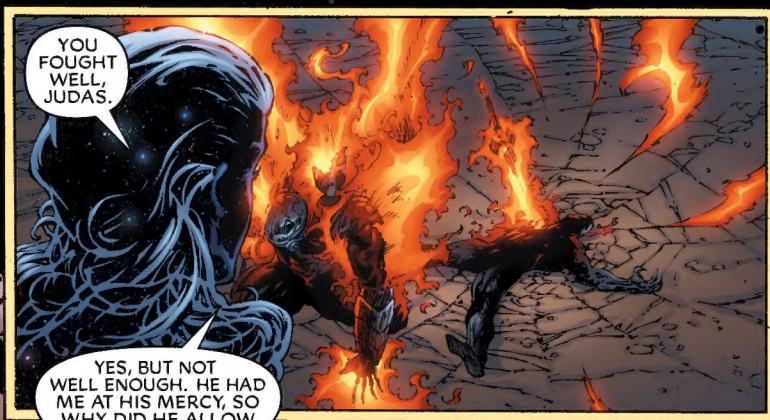
WHAT?!

IT'S OKAY, DADDY. IT'S PROTECTING YOU.



RAARRGGHH!!!





YOU
FOUGHT
WELL,
JUDAS.

YES, BUT NOT
WELL ENOUGH. HE HAD
ME AT HIS MERCY, SO
WHY DID HE ALLOW
THIS?

WHY
DID YOUR
ENEMY
GIVE UP?

HE WAS
NEVER MY **ENEMY**.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE
SHOULD UNDER-
STAND THAT.

HISTORY HAS
MADE YOU THE
MOST DESPISED
CREATURE IN
CHRISTENDOM.

BUT OF ALL
MY DISCIPLES, YOU
WERE THE ONLY ONE
WHO UNDERSTOOD
THAT WITHOUT THE
CRUCIFIXION, THE LIFE
OF CHRIST HAD NO
MEANING.

YOU, JUDAS,
ARE MY MOST
BELOVED
DISCIPLE.

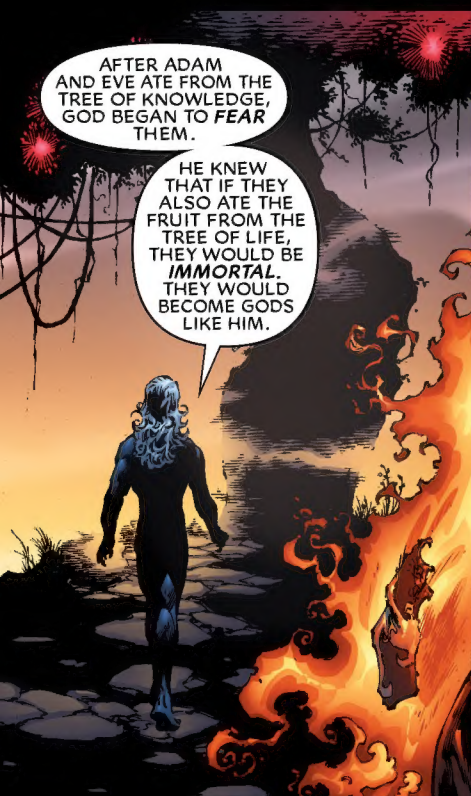
THE
ONE I **TRUSTED**
TO BETRAY
ME.



NOW OF
ALL HUMANITY,
THIS POOR
CREATURE IS THE
VESSEL I HAVE
CHOSEN TO BE THE
NEW **SAVIOUR** OF
THIS WORLD.

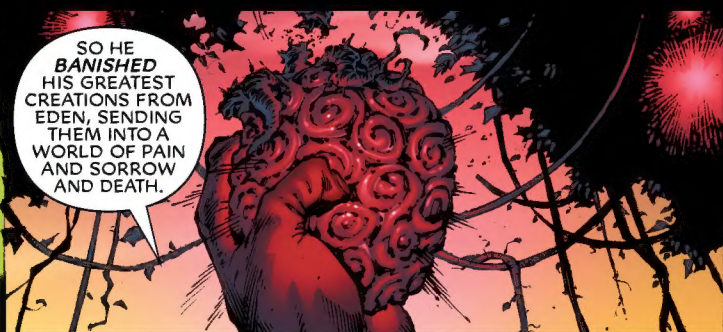
HE LOOKS
ALMOST
SERENE, AS IF
HE WELCOMED
DEATH.

YES.
IT'S A PITY
I CAN'T
LEAVE HIM
TO REST IN
PEACE.



AFTER ADAM AND EVE ATE FROM THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE, GOD BEGAN TO **FEAR** THEM.

HE KNEW THAT IF THEY ALSO ATE THE FRUIT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE, THEY WOULD BE **IMMORTAL**. THEY WOULD BECOME GODS LIKE HIM.



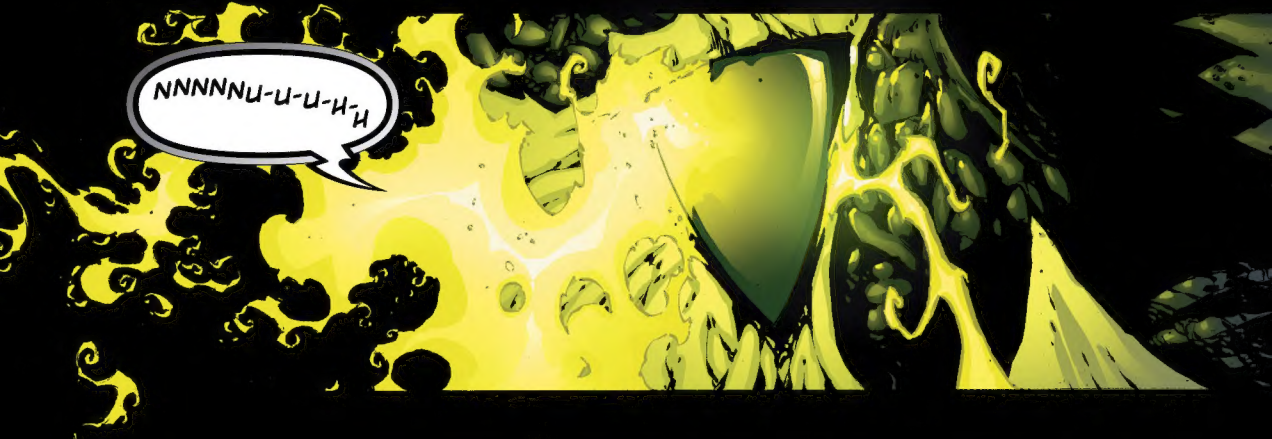
SO HE **BANISHED** HIS GREATEST CREATIONS FROM EDEN, SENDING THEM INTO A WORLD OF PAIN AND SORROW AND DEATH.



MANKIND HAS WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS MOMENT.



LIVE, AL SIMMONS.



NNNNNU-U-U-U-H-H



HE SEEMS
RELUCTANT TO
BE RE-BORN.



HE'S
REMEMBERING.



"THIS IS NOT
THE FIRST TIME
AL SIMMONS
HAS BURNED..."



"...OR THE
FIRST TIME
HE HAS BEEN
REBORN."

SO YOU
BROUGHT
ME BACK
AGAIN.

WHAT IS THAT?
IS THAT MY BODY?

YOU'RE FINISHED WITH IT. YOU'VE LEFT IT BEHIND, JUST LIKE THEM...

THOSE ARE THE SIX THOUSAND WHO DIED WITH ME.

THEY'RE LEAVING. THEIR TIME HERE IS OVER.

BUT I STILL FEEL THEM. I STILL REMEMBER...

THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WILL REMAIN WITH YOU.

YOU WILL NEVER LOSE THAT.

"WHERE WILL THEY GO NOW?"

"IF I TOLD YOU THAT, THERE WOULD BE NO MYSTERY."

"IT'S ENOUGH FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT THEIR JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING."

AND I'M STILL HERE.

YES, CYAN WAS RIGHT. YOU HAD TO DIE AGAIN SO THAT YOU COULD BE RE-BORN, STRONGER THAN EVER.

DO YOU FEEL IT? THE POWER OF A GOD...

OH YEAH. I FEEL IT. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME I HEARD THIS BEFORE. MALEBOLGIA BROUGHT ME BACK FROM THE DEAD, GAVE ME POWERS...

SO WHERE'S THE CATCH? WHAT'S THE DEAL THIS TIME?

NO DEAL. NO TRICKS. WHAT YOU DO NEXT WILL BE YOUR OWN CHOICE.

THEN I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE AT ALL, DO I?

BUT IF YOU DO NOTHING THE HUMAN RACE WILL BE CONSUMED BY THE APOCALYPSE. NO RE-BIRTH. NO AFTERLIFE.

GONE AS IF THEY NEVER EXISTED.

NEW YORK.

OH SHIT,
ANOTHER
ONE!

WHAT
HAPPENED?
WHO DID
THIS?

IF YOU'RE HERE FOR
THE MURDER AND MAYHEM,
YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE SON. I'M
THE LAST MAN STANDING.

SO YOU
WANNA DO THIS,
OR WHAT?

YOU
WANT TO
FIGHT
ME?

WITH A
STICK?!

WELL I'M NOT
GONNA CRAWL AND
BEG. AND I'M NOT
GONNA RUN.

BESIDES,
YOU DON'T
LOOK SO
TOUGH.

F-ZAK!

I ASKED YOU A
QUESTION.

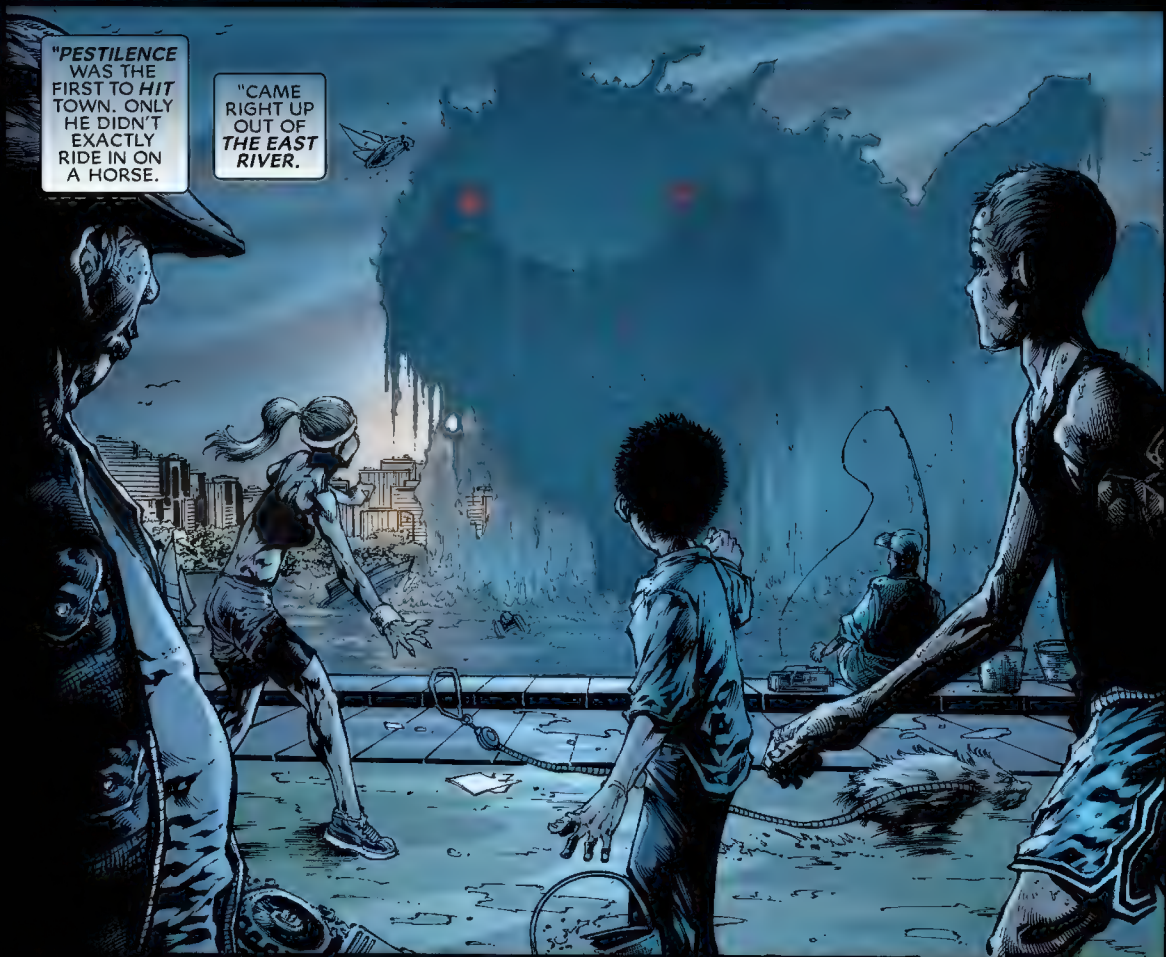
WHAT
HAPPENED?

JEEZ!
OKAY! O-
KAY!

YOU HEARD
OF THE FOUR
HORSEMEN?

"PESTILENCE
WAS THE
FIRST TO HIT
TOWN. ONLY
HE DIDN'T
EXACTLY
RIDE IN ON
A HORSE.

"CAME
RIGHT UP
OUT OF
THE EAST
RIVER.



"THEY SAID THE
SMELL THAT
CAME OFF HIM
WAS ENOUGH
TO KILL YOU.




"WHEREVER
HIS SHADOW
FELL, PEOPLE
GOT SICK.



"BOILS FILLED WITH PUS.
BLOOD SPEWING OUT
EVERYWHERE. FLESH TURNING
BLACK AND DROPPING OFF.

"IT WAS LIKE EVERY DISGUSTING
DISEASE YOU EVER HEARD OF
ALL ROLLED INTO ONE."



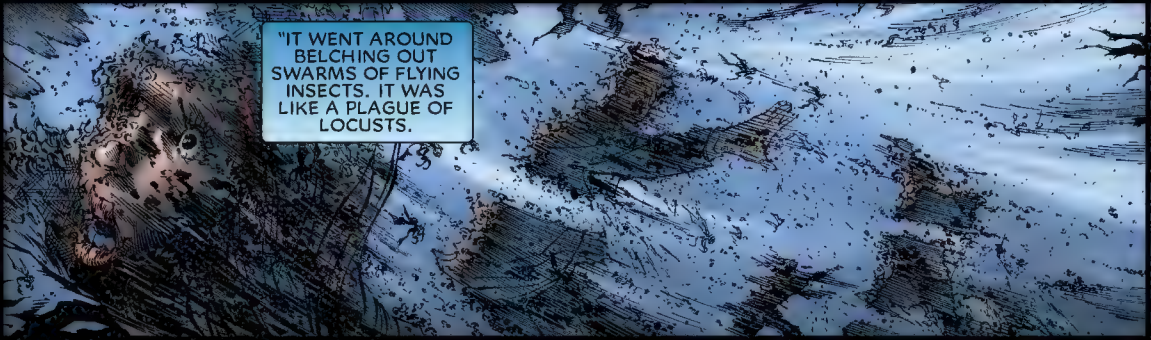


"NEXT UP WAS **DEATH**. THEY SHOWED THIS ON THE TV FOR A WHILE, AS LONG AS THERE WERE PEOPLE LEFT TO FILM IT.

"MAN, THAT WAS **WILD**... SEEING THAT THING MARCHING DOWN BROADWAY LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A **JAPANESE MONSTER MOVIE**...



"...ONLY WITH **BETTER SPECIAL EFFECTS**.



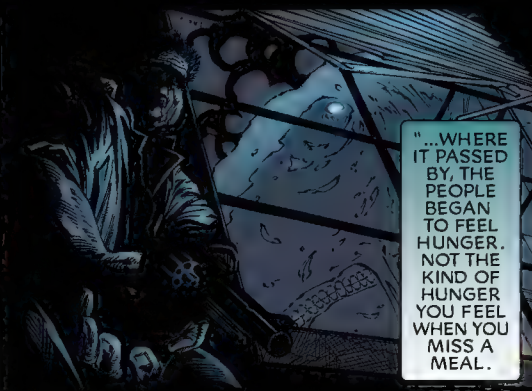
"IT WENT AROUND BELCHING OUT SWARMS OF FLYING INSECTS. IT WAS LIKE A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.



"...**CARNIVOROUS LOCUSTS**..."



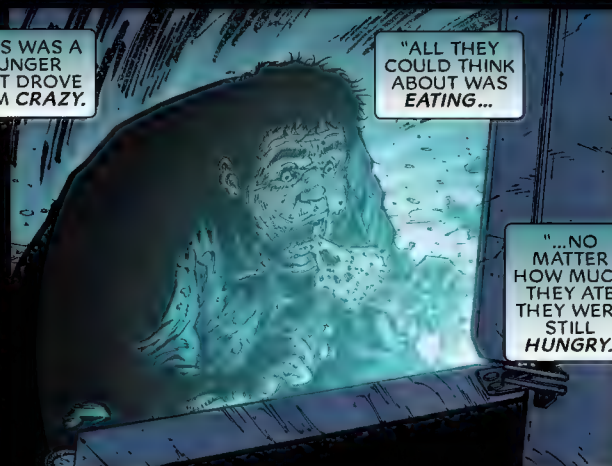
"THEN THERE WAS FAMINE. THAT WAS THE WORST..."



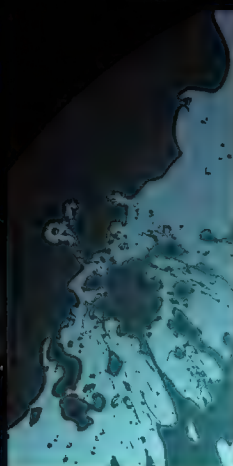
"...WHERE IT PASSED BY, THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO FEEL HUNGER. NOT THE KIND OF HUNGER YOU FEEL WHEN YOU MISS A MEAL.



"THIS WAS A HUNGER THAT DROVE THEM CRAZY.




"ALL THEY COULD THINK ABOUT WAS EATING..."



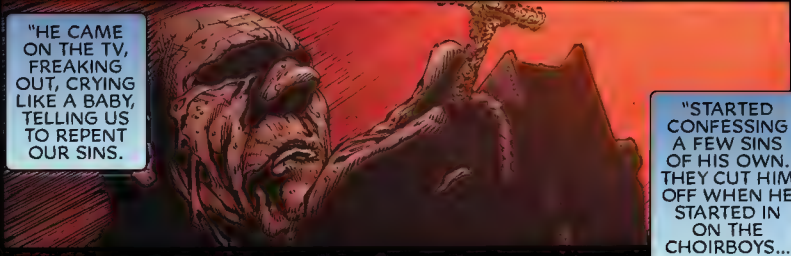
"...NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY ATE THEY WERE STILL HUNGRY.



"THEY STARVED TO DEATH... WASTED AWAY EVEN THOUGH THEIR BELLIES WERE STUFFED..."



"IT TOOK THEM A WHILE TO FIGURE OUT THIS WHOLE *HORSEMEN* THING. BY THE TIME WAR MADE AN APPEARANCE SOME PREACHER WAS PUTTING A NAME TO THEM.




"HE CAME ON THE TV, FREAKING OUT, CRYING LIKE A BABY, TELLING US TO REPENT OUR SINS.

"STARTED CONFESSING A FEW SINS OF HIS OWN. THEY CUT HIM OFF WHEN HE STARTED IN ON THE CHOIRBOYS...




"THE THING WITH WAR WAS THE SOUND OF ITS VOICE.

"WHOEVER HEARD THAT ROAR REGRESSED INTO PRIMITIVE CREATURES.



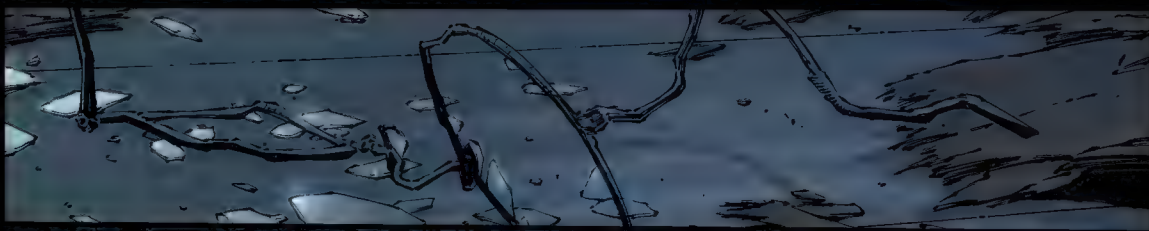
"THESE THINGS WERE LIKE KILLING MACHINES. THEY HUNTED IN *PACKS*, TRACKING DOWN GROUPS OF SURVIVORS BY THEIR SCENT.



"YOU COULDN'T *FIGHT* THEM. NO MATTER HOW MANY YOU KILLED...



"...THEY JUST KEPT *COMING.*"



"IT WAS ALL OVER IN A FEW HOURS. HARDLY A SOUL LEFT ALIVE APART FROM *YOURS TRULY*.

"THEY DIDN'T *STAY DEAD* THOUGH. ALL THE BODIES CAME BACK TO LIFE LIKE IN A ZOMBIE MOVIE, ONLY THEY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE ZOMBIES. THEY CHANGED. MORPHED INTO...I DUNNO... DEMONS...ANGELS...



"...THEN THE WHOLE MASS OF THEM UPPED AND LEFT...

"...HEADED WEST..."



WHAT ABOUT THE HORSEMEN? WHERE DID THEY GO?

EAST. STRAIGHT INTO THE OCEAN.



"MUST BE
IN EUROPE
BY NOW.

"I ALWAYS
WANTED TO
SEE EUROPE.
LONDON,
PARIS, BERLIN,
ROME. ALL
THAT HISTORY,
Y'KNOW. THE
CULTURE...

"GUESS I LEFT IT
TOO LATE."

YOU SAY THE
RESURRECTED DEAD
WENT WEST?

LIKE FORTY-
NINERS HEADING
FOR THE GOLD
FIELDS.

HEY, YOU
GONNA
LEAVE ME
HERE?

YOU
WOULDN'T LIKE
WHERE I'M
GOING.

STAY SAFE,
GRAN'PA.



"As Spawn flew westwards into the world's last sunset, he saw the teeming millions flooding across the plains of Kansas and Colorado.



"The risen dead marched silently towards Armageddon, like gladiators heading to a great arena.

"Though they passed within yards of one another, neither side gave a sign to acknowledge the other's existence.



"When they came to the place where the land fell away into the ocean, the armies of heaven and hell split into two columns, each traversing a vast stone bridge to the newly-formed island where the Final Battle was to take place.

"The bridges were wider than any built by human hand, yet they could not accommodate the throng as they pressed forward, thrusting one another aside in their eagerness, so that thousands fell to be swallowed by the churning waters of the once Pacific Ocean."



"Flying over the ruined city, Spawn saw a familiar figure battling a score of demon warriors, each of whom was ten times her height."



"They never stood a chance."

ZERA!

WELL,
IT'S ABOUT
TIME...

TO BE CONTINUED...





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE